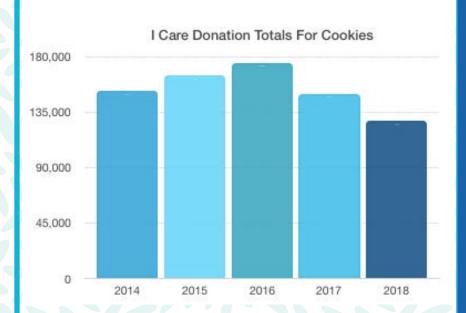
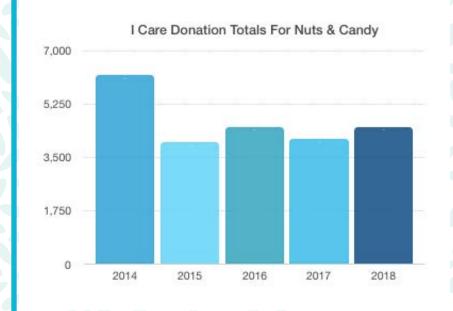




## Stats





# OUR I CARE PROGRAM

The I-Care cookie program is our donation program where kind citizens buy and donate back boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. In 2019 well over 115,000 packages were donated. Every year at our Council offices we host military packing parties and distribution.

For our Icare Mega Drop Day we distribute the donated cookies to our local partners. 33,600 boxes were sent out this year. We are especially proud that this program puts smiles on faces of those often forgotten or those whose life has been challenging and always those in need of love.

Local partners included Mary's
Table, Boys and Girls Club of
Redlands, Veronica's Home, Lilly's
Foundation, Operation Safe House,
Family Services, Feeding America,
PossAbilities, Highland Senior
Center, Carol's Kitchen, Meals on
Wheels, Assistance League, Casa de
Cause, Foster Youth, Make-a-wish,
Hospice ...just to name a few





### GSSGC I Care Program

#### **First Responders**

As clients of the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino our hearts were overwhelmingly broken on December 2, 2015. How do I explain the horrific events that took place to my Intellectually Delayed 17 year old child. The questions about

why, and who would do this and who was injured and who was ok? These questions I couldn't answer for myself let alone trying to explain it to her. Her first words to me that afternoon were questions regarding her and her sisters case workers. She wanted to know if they were ok and if she would see them again. We felt helpless. We as a family wanted to help the IRC, but knew we could not.

But, then we thought there is something we could do if only to show we cared. Our Girl Scout Councils ICARE program touches so many lives, I reached out to Council immediately to ask of we could assist with making the deliveries. I was so thankful to have this opportunity to deliver nuts and candies to our First Responders to thank them but also to allow Carson to move her concerns and fears into doing something. Carson was very worried about doing it right, and wanted to know what she should say or do. I told her to say that the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio wanted them to know how thank-

ful we are for them and what they do for us.

So, we walk into the first station and she announces to the first Firefighter that she saw that she is a client of IRC. That her and her sister's case worker were there that day and that they (the Firefighters) helped to save them. She said Thank You and that she thought he was brave. The Firefighter got a huge grin and gave her the biggest hug. Carson too was smiling and happy as she was telling the firefighter all about girl scouting. When we left that first station I knew that doing the task of delivering these I-Cares did just as much for my family as it did for the firefighters. It is when the community comes together to help each other, and our first responders, that we all can heal. I am grateful that my child is learning the value of working hard to be able to give and help our local communities. The I-care Program has become our favorite part of the sale. It feels good to be able to see the I-Care work in our Community, even when tragedy strikes, knowing I-Care can make a difference even a small one.





## **Operation Gratitude**

From: SPC B.C.M (US ARMY)

Date: Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 3:26 AM

Subject: Packages Received (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good Morning Team,

Packages have been received! My unit keeps thanking me for signing them up however, the real thanks goes to you guys. Everyone loves their goodies! Personally, the girl scout cookies were my favorite. Thank you guys so much for everything. Y'all have really lifted our spirits. God bless you all.

SPC MCB Oatar

From: SN A.R.M. (US NAVY)
Date: Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 6:32 AM

Subject: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

#### Good morning,

For you it may be 0318 but, for me it's 1317. I just got a box from you and I would like to say thank you. Let me start by saying the girl scout cookies are greatly appreciated, you have no idea, and that 5hr energy and comics, I swear you know me so well.

When I get the chance I'll go back and check my letters and reply to

those who have left an email

Thank you again!

P.S. We don't know what Magic is

V/R YNSN Minor USS JOHN P. MURTHA LPD-26









# Stories of Giving

Lilly is a Daisy Girl Scout and a proud cancer warrior. Her first year of Girl Scouting Lilly sold and then collected enough Icare cookies for 600 fellow kids fighting cancer, Lilly set out on a mission to get her Girl Scout Icare cookies to souls like hers who NEEDED the power of the cookie. Not for it's tasty deliciousness rather to gift it to someone needing a simple reminder that "I CARE".

This past season saw Lilly in her second year of Girl Scouting, a first grade Daisy. She set out this year on a mission to show 1600 people on skid row that SHE cared. She collected over 3,000 boxes of Icares to gift to1600 people on skid row. Showing, one box of cookies at a time, that they matter. Lilly travels to skid row once a month for 6 months with a group of people called "Hiccups pizza project" to feed 300 people each time. Lilly has gone every month with the pizza project group. Sadly, as happens far too often, one of Lilly's fellow cancer warriors and her best friend, Emily Janelle, lost her battle with cancer and could no longer accompany Lilly and the Pizza Project to Skid Row, and so now Lilly goes to honor both those living on skid row as well as her friend because brightening skid row matters.

With her fellow cancer fighting friends, and some Girl Scout sisters beside her making smiles one box of cookies at a time because she believes a cookie doesn't crumble, but, instead opens the door to build an empire.

This, is Lilly's cookie empire!



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During this years cookie season, it was very wet weather. Our troop often drove past Loma Linda Hospital to the Staters in Loma Linda. The girls saw the construction workers working in the rain, and commented how dedicated they were. The girls talked about what a good team they were, and how hard they were working in bad weather without giving up; to build a safe hospital for sick people. They wanted to bring them I CAREs to say thank you. Of course, the day we went was very hot, a roaring 89 degrees. The construction workers did not know why we were there, and as they were getting off their shift, hot and tired, they were greeted by the smiles of our Girl Scouts saying "thank you for all your hard work and dedication." They expressed surprise and gratitude, many taking out their money to try and pay the girls. Even more gratitude when they realized the Girl Scouts were there to say thank you. We were very happy to see the women workers. There weren' many but we cheered for them. The girls learned a very valuable lesson: you have to work as a team because one person no matter how talented or skilled, cannot complete the task without the others. The value of a team is so important. Thank you to the I CARE program for making moments like these happen for our girls. Troop 76

This was the first year in my Girl Scout career doing Icares, it was so amazing. The big Girl Scout Miss Dixi called my mom and we went and picked up so many cases and we took them to the food bank in Crestline, Miss Roxanne let us give them out to the people who were there and the people were so happy! one lady said "I love Girl Scout cookies... you little ladies are a much needed blessing." We also used the Icares we won to the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital and we worked with guitars for vets. It was my favorite part because my papa is a vet. I filled up my wagon with 65 boxes of cookies we walked the halls and we were passing out cookies; it was the best feeling, vets were coming up to us giving us hats pins, hugs and just said the best things to us, my mom said, "this is what being a Girl Scout is all about making someone else feel important and giving back to people he gave to us." I can't wait to go back their next cookie season I hope Miss Dixi gives me 100 packages then I can make 100 people smile! Girl Scout cookie season is fun and we earn so much money to do great things but, nothing comes close to seeing the faces of veterans and people in need receiving cookies when under normal circumstances they could not get some. Thank you Miss Dixi and Girl Scouts for helping my troop do Icares. Presleigh G. - Troop 10

